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Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent student concerns in all University wide matters; and

Whereas: The Student Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government given the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the Student Body of the University of North Florida; and;

Whereas: Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions shall be considered by Student Senate; and Title X is in need of revision. The Code of Ethics only outlines behavior not to be partaken in by SG Members and provides no behavioral guidelines. Also there is some inconsistency with the titling.

Whereas:

Furthermore: The following revisions are being proposed to Title X;

Chapter 1001: ~~Code of Ethics~~ Standards of Conduct

1001.1 Definitions for the Standards of Conduct

- A. Benefit - gain or advantage, or anything regarded by the person to be benefited as a gain or advantage, including the doing of the act beneficial to any person in whose welfare (s)he is interested.
- B. Conflict or Conflict of Interest - a situation in which regard for a private interest tends to lead to a disregard of a public duty or interest.
- C. Student Government Officer or Employee - any officer, agent or employee of the Student Government whether elected or appointed, including but not limited to, any executive, legislative, or judicial officer.

1001.2 ~~Standards of Conduct~~ Behavioral Expectations

- A. As representatives of the University of North Florida, all Student Government Officers/Employees are expected to conduct



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themselves in a manner that is appropriate, respectful, and lawful at all times; this includes but is not limited to social media, on campus functions and any gathering where one is expected to represent the University of North Florida. The actions of Student Government Employees and Officers should always pass the transparency test, meaning that his or her actions or words should always be in accordance to what would be considered acceptable if they were made public to all students and faculty members. Furthermore, Student Government Employees/Officers should never find themselves involved in any actions that would be in violation of the following guidelines:

1.A. Conflict of Interest:

Any officer or employee of the Student Government that participates in any private business, professional activity, or group which would receive a financial benefit from any legislation that is presented before Student Government, shall be required to abstain from voting on any aspect of said legislation. The only exceptions being wherein the entire voting body would be affected by said legislation or when salaried officers are voting on final passing of the budget.

2.B. Misuse of the Student Government Property:

No officer or employee shall use or allow the use of Student Government property, facilities, and vehicles with total disregard for their intended use and unnecessarily shortens its expected useful lifespan.

3.C. Unlawful Compensation:

No Senator, executive cabinet member, justice, or employee paid with A&S Fee's shall accept any form of compensation, monetary or otherwise, for help passing legislation, amending



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rules, receiving funding, or otherwise coming to an official decision.

~~4.D.~~ Inducing to Act:

No officer or employee of the Student Government shall aid, advise, procure, or in any way induce another to act in violation of this chapter.

~~5.F.~~ No officer or employee of the Student Government shall cover up evidence or misrepresent a fact pertaining to a violation.

~~6.F.~~ No Justice shall allow personal interest to influence a vote.

Chapter 1002: Anti-Discrimination Policy

1002.1 Discrimination shall be defined as the differential treatment of a student or student group solely on the basis of his or her race, creed, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, parental status or disability.

1002.2 No Student Government officer, employee, Branch, Agency, registered student organization, or any entity which receives any Student Government funding shall practice discrimination as defined in 1002.1 of the Student Government Statutes

Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Senator Thomas Lundy

Introduced by: Senator Thomas Lundy

Senate Action: 34-0-5

Date: April 1st, 2013

Signed, **Christopher Brady**
Chris Brady, Student Senate President

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-13S-2686 is hereby

PASSED ~~VETOED~~ ~~LINE ITEM VETOED~~

on this 4 day of APRIL, 2013.

Signed, **Carlo Fassi**
Carlo Fassi, Student Body President